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*Whereas, H. Ray Hoops became the second president of the University of Southern Indiana in July 1994. He will be retiring, after fifteen years of service, on June 30, 2009;*

*Whereas, Dr. Hoops received his undergraduate degree from Eastern Illinois University and an MBA from Moorhead State University. He continued his education specializing in Audiology and Speech Sciences at Purdue University where he received his master's and doctoral degrees;*

*Whereas, Before becoming an administrator, Dr. Hoops had an impressive career as a scientist and educator. He was nationally recognized for his research and received the National Research Award from the American Speech and Hearing Association;*

*Whereas, Immediately before coming to USI Dr. Hoops served as vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Mississippi. While there he received the National Council of State Governments Association Award for his work regarding education reform in the state of Mississippi and the Peterson's Guide Award for his contribution to the education of minority students;*

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*Whereas, Dr. Hoops' track record of success and achievement has continued throughout his fifteen years at USI. USI has seen unparalleled growth in enrollment, development of student life opportunities, and capital project investments;*

*Whereas, In 2008 USI was recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as an institution of community engagement. In helping USI earn this award, Dr. Hoops led efforts to serve the surrounding region providing economic, cultural, and educational opportunities;*

*Whereas, In addition to keeping USI involved in the community, Dr. Hoops is personally an integral part of the Evansville community. He currently serves on the Deaconess Hospital Board of Directors, the Evansville Education Roundtable, the Southwest Indiana Economic Development Task Force, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Integra Bank Corporation;*

*Whereas, Through the years he has been involved in many different organizations including the Evansville Chamber of Commerce and the American Association of State College and Universities. He also served as former director and chair of the Indiana Conference of Higher Education. For his dedication to the community, Dr. Hoops was honored in 2004 with the Evansville Rotary Civic Award;*

*Whereas, Dr. Hoops is a beloved president, respected by students, teachers, administrators, and the entire Evansville community. He has also earned great respect throughout higher education communities in Indiana and nationwide. His service is a legacy and will be greatly missed at USI after his retirement; and*



*Whereas, Dr. Hoops is respected for his love for education, and looked to by many for wisdom and advice. We believe he is worthy of receiving the highest Hoosier honor, the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, for his continued dedication to bettering the Evansville community and providing a quality educational experience for Hoosier students; Therefore:*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly hereby
- 2           congratulates Dr. H. Ray Hoops on a successful tenure as president of
- 3           the University of Southern Indiana and wishes him well as he finishes
- 4           his last few months before retiring.
- 5           SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly urges Governor
- 6           Daniels to further honor Dr. Hoops with a Sagamore of the Wabash
- 7           Award.
- 8           SECTION 3. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 9           distribute a copy of this resolution to Governor Daniels, the University
- 10          of Southern Indiana, and Dr. Hoops.

